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S.B. No. 513

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AN ACT

relating to the requirement that certain applicants for a vehicle dealer general distinguishing number complete a dealer education course.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 503.029, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) An applicant for an original dealer general distinguishing number who proposes to be an independent motor vehicle dealer and who does not hold another type of dealer general distinguishing number must submit to the department evidence that the applicant completed a dealer education course approved by the department in the year preceding the date the application is filed. The course must be at least eight hours and not more than 12 hours in length.

(e) The department may approve a dealer education course under Subsection (d) only if the provider of the course:

(1) is a business with its principal office in this state;

(2) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the provider has experience providing high-level, professional education to independent motor vehicle dealers;

(3) provides to each person who attends a course sample copies of forms required under state and federal law to be

1 used in motor vehicle transactions;

2 (4) provides ongoing educational support by telephone
3 or the Internet for one year at no additional cost to persons who
4 have attended a course;

5 (5) provides at least eight dealer education courses
6 each calendar year, including at least one course each year at a
7 location not more than 300 miles from any location in this state,
8 and provides an Internet version of the course in English and in
9 Spanish; and

10 (6) has a curriculum review panel for the course that
11 consists of at least four independent motor vehicle dealers who
12 hold dealer general distinguishing numbers.

13 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 503.029, Transportation
14 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for an
15 original dealer general distinguishing number filed with the Texas
16 Department of Transportation on or after September 1, 2008. An
17 application filed before that date is governed by the law in effect
18 when the application was filed, and the former law is continued in
19 effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas
21 Department of Transportation shall begin to approve or reject
22 applications from providers of dealer education courses under
23 Subsections (d) and (e), Section 503.029, Transportation Code, as
24 added by this Act.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.